

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 JIDDA 04757 011027Z

45

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-03 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00

DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 USIA-06 PRS-01 AID-05

/056 W

----- 008437

R 011003Z JUL 75

FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1746

AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

S E C R E T JIDDA 4757

E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SA

SUBJ: NEW SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA

1. THE DIRECTOR OF ARAB AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMS US THAT GENERAL MOHAMMED AL TAYYIB AL TUNISI HAS BEEN NAMED THE NEW SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA.

2. TUNISI IS A FORMER CAREER MILITARY OFFICER. IN 1969 HE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY AS HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES, A MAJOR AND IMPORTANT POSITION.

3. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT TUNISI IS 49. HE LOOKS CONSIDERABLY OLDER. HE HAS BEEN IN POOR HEALTH AND IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT HE LEFT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY TO BE ASSIGNED AS AN AMBASSADOR AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THIS SPRING.

4. OUR RECORDS REFLECT THAT AT ONE TIME SOME PEOPLE CONSIDERED TUNISI BRILLIANT, DYNAMIC AND INCORRUPTIBLE. MORE RECENT RECORDS AND OUR OWN LIMITED CONTACT WITH HIM DICTATE A MORE MODEST ASSESSMENT. HIS NAME HAS BEEN LINKED WITH REPORTS OF CORRUPTION IN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY BUT HE DID NOT LEAVE THERE UNDER A CLOUD.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 JIDDA 04757 011027Z

5. TUNISI SPENT ABOUT FOUR MONTHS IN TRAINING IN THE US IN THE LATE FIFTIES. HE SPEAKS ADEQUATE BUT HALTING ENGLISH. HE IS COURTLY AND FRIENDLY BUT NOT OUTGOING. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN.

6. GIVEN HIS POOR HEALTH AND INEXPERIENCE AT THE TRADE, WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT HE WILL BE AN ESPECIALLY DYNAMIC AMBASSADOR.

7. TUNISI'S APPOINTMENT HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HERE AND EMBASSY ALGIERS SHOULD PROBABLY TREAT THE FACT OF THE APPOINTMENT AS PRIVILEGED INFO UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT IS PUBLICLY CONFIRMED.  
HORAN

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE, BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 01 JUL 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** ElyME  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975JIDDA04757  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750227-1031  
**From:** JIDDA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750796/aaaadhsv.tel  
**Line Count:** 75  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ElyME  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 29 JUL 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <29 JUL 2003 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <26 NOV 2003 by ElyME>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** NEW SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA  
**TAGS:** PFOR, SA, (TUNISI, MOHAMMED AL TAYYIB AL)  
**To:** STATE ALGIERS  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006